

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously presented) A system for viewing multimedia content, the system comprising:

a communication network;

a content source coupled to the communication network;

a broadcast center coupled to the communication network; and

a plurality of client systems coupled to the broadcast center, wherein the plurality of client systems is organized according to an object-oriented model in which logical software objects are instantiated in an object hierarchy that includes:

a household object that contains attributes and data related to a household in which the client systems are located; and

a plurality of user objects that contain attributes and data related to respective users of the client systems,

wherein the user objects are contained in the household object and, when instantiated, the user objects define interaction of the respective users with the plurality of client systems.

2-3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein a client system of the plurality of client systems is configured to be selectively accessed by a user to change a configuration of a user object of the plurality of user objects, the system being configured to provide the change to all of the client systems of the plurality of client systems without further activity from the user and without the user selecting the plurality of client systems to provide the change.

5. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the system is configurable to selectively add a new client system to the plurality of client systems, the system being configured to provide the plurality of user objects to the new client system without activity from a user.

6. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein a user object of the plurality of user objects can be concurrently active in more than one client system of the plurality of client systems.

7. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the plurality of user objects includes an anonymous user object, wherein the anonymous user object is configured to be accessible to all users.

8. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, further comprising a server operatively coupled to the plurality of client systems, wherein the server is configured to include information related to each user object of the plurality of user objects.

9. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein the server is configured to include a revision history, the revision history being configurable to include information related to configuration changes of the plurality of user objects.

10. (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the revision history includes a ticket number associated with each configuration change that is included in the revision history.

11. (Currently Amended) A system for viewing multimedia content, the system comprising:

distribution means for distributing multimedia content from a source;

a plurality of access means, communicatively coupled to the distribution means, for providing access to the multimedia content;

a plurality of access means objects that contain attributes and data related to respective access means;

at least one household object representing a household to which the plurality of access means pertains, wherein the household object is a logical software object that includes attributes and data concerning the household; and

a plurality of user objects representing users of the plurality of access means, wherein the user objects are logical software objects that include attributes and data concerning the users, and wherein the user objects are contained in the household object when the household object and the user objects are instantiated.

12-13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11, wherein an access means of the plurality of access means is configured to be selectively accessed by a user to change a configuration of a user object of the plurality of user objects, the system being configured to provide the change to all of the access means of the plurality of access means without further activity from the user and without the user selecting the plurality of access means to provide the change.

15. (Previously presented) The system of claim 11, wherein the system is configurable to selectively add a new access means to the plurality of access means, the system being configured to provide the plurality of user objects to the new access means without activity from a user.

16. (Previously presented) The system of claim 11, wherein a user object of the plurality of user objects can be concurrently active in more than one access means of the plurality of access means.

17. (Previously presented) The system of claim 11, wherein the plurality of user objects includes an anonymous user object, wherein the anonymous user object is configured to be accessible to all users.

18. (Previously presented) The system of claim 11, further comprising a server operatively coupled to the plurality of access means, wherein the server is configured to include information related to each user object of the plurality of user objects.

19. (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the server is configured to include a revision history, the revision history being configurable to include information related to configuration changes of the plurality of user objects.

20. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein the revision history includes a ticket number associated with each configuration change that is included in the revision history.

21. (Currently Amended) A method for viewing content delivered to a client system, the method comprising:

associating a plurality of client systems with a household and associating one of a plurality of client system objects to each of the client systems, wherein the client system object contains attributes and data related to its respective client system;

instantiating at least one household object that represents the household, wherein the household object is a logical software object that includes attributes and data related to the household; and

instantiating a plurality of user objects that represent users of the plurality of client systems, wherein the user objects are logical software objects that include attributes and data related to the users, and wherein the user objects are contained in the household object when the household object and the user objects are instantiated; and

delivering content from a content source via a communication network to at least one of the plurality of clients systems in accordance with at least one of the user objects.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21, further comprising:

receiving a change of configuration of a user object from a user via a client system of the plurality of client systems; and

providing the change to all of the client systems of the plurality of client systems without requiring further input from the user and without the user selecting the plurality of client systems to provide the change.

23. (Previously presented) The method of claim 22, further comprising storing a revision history that includes information related to configuration changes of the plurality of user objects.

24. (Previously presented) The method of claim 21, further comprising:
receiving information that a new client system has been added to the plurality of client systems of the household; and
providing the plurality of user objects to the new client system without requiring input from the user.